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Background - Crew of Tuapse -

49 in crew, including one woman
(stewardess).

Chi Nats originally confined all of crew, except captain and first officer, in two rooms on ship. Crew at first belligerent (frightened the Nationalists) and went on hunger strike.

On pretext of medical examination, crew taken ashore on 28 June and put in three guest houses. Two translators assigned to each house with orders to be "friendly." Hunger strike stopped.

Captain and first officer (the chief trouble-maker) isolated from others.

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Cargo Removal was to be finished by

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28 June.

NSC BRIEFING

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Background. A Soviet radio broadcast of 29 June charged "that American military aircraft have systematically been flying over merchant ships sailing in the waters of the Far East, particularly in the area of Formosa."

The Soviets citing five specific instances, charged that this was U. S. reconnaissance operations against the movement of Soviet merchant ships.

Moscow said that such action "by American aircraft represent an arbitrary violation of freedom of the high seas and show a complete disregard by U. S. military authorities of international law."